(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Under the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is the depository of information pertaining to the Press in India. The office maintains essential particulars of all newspapers registered in the Country. As per RNI's records, 146 publications of various periodicity in English and 78 in Hindi have been registered with them in the name of various Government offices in Delhi. However, the annual statement in Form-II which the publications are required to submit to RNI does not contain details such as staff employed, various facilities provided for different editions, etc. Therefore, the information sought in parts (b) to (e) of USQ No. 5549 dated 12.9.96 is not compiled and maintained centrally by the Government.

The above information has also since been furnished to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in fulfilment of the assurance given in reply to the said USQ No. 5549 dated 12.9.96.

(c) Does not arise.

Restoration of Train Services

3051. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earlier a train used to ply upto Chhitauni but the same has now been discontinued;

(b) is so, the reasons for cancellation of trains upto Chhitauni and the time by which the said train service is likely to be restarted;

(c) whether the new railway station constructed about five kilometers away from Chhitauni and there are no roads and modes of conveyance available; and

(d) if so, the time by which facility of road link is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After the construction of Railway Bridge between Chhitauni and Bagaha, direct train services are available between Gorakhpur and Narkatiaganj through Paniyahwa station instead of Chhitauni. Chhitauni is now not connected with rail head.

(c) Paniyahwa station is 2.75 Kms. away from Chhitauni and parallel road facility is available.

(d) Does not arise.

Chittranjan Locomotive

3052. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that electric locomotives are being manufactured in Chittranjan Locomotives;

(b) if so, the details of capacity and efficiency of electric locomotives being manufactured in the above Public Sector Undertaking;

(c) whether efforts have been made by this Undertaking to sell its product in international market;

(d) if so, the number of products, capacity-wise and efficiency-wise exported till date;

(e) the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(f) the annual average production capacity of this Undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

Description of locos	Capacity	Approximate efficiency in % at 60/70 Kmph spead
WAG5	3900 HP	70
WAG7	5000 HP	80
WAP4	5000 HP	Not available

(c) to (e). The locomotives manufactured at CLW are of 1960 vintage technology which is obsolete in international market. The transfer of technology for manufacture of 3-phase GTO based thyristor locomotives is being acquired. Only after these locomotives are manufactured and proved entirely successful, their export may be considered, if surplus to Indian Railways requirements.

(f) The average annual production capacity is 130 locos and this is being augmented to 150 locos including the above type of locomotives.

[English]

Telephone Exchange of Namakal

3053. SHRI K. KANDASAMY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government proposed to vonvert Namakal telephone exchange into Electronic Exchange and to provide telephone connections to a large number of persons in the waiting list there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made by the Government in this regard?